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## The Cannon Boom.

Mr. Cannon characterizes as "far-fetched and untrue" the story that the Illinois delegation to the republican national convention is to be instructed for him only for trading purposes. He might have added that it is also thoroughly ridiculous. No more stupid yarn with the view of injuring him could have been put out.

The Cannon boom has everything necessary to command serious and respectful attention. "Uncle Joe," as the country insists upon calling the gentleman from Illinois, is strong in his individuality. In his office—for he is again to be Speaker—and in his geographical position. He is an American, in the rugged, hearty, wholesome sense of the word—a man without frills, and with a purpose. He holds, as he himself points out, the office second only to importance to that of President. He lives in the most powerful and important state, politically considered, in the middle section of the country. Around whose name does presidential speculation with better right play?

This eminence and this influence impose heavy responsibilities. Mr. Cannon has a hard road to travel between now and convention time. As Speaker he will have much to do with shaping legislation in the House; and all sorts of questions are coming before that body. The minority is not large, but it will be led by a capable parliamentarian and, in the circumstances, Mr. Cannon must keep an eye open in that direction. It will be Mr. Williams' duty to score for campaign purposes whenever possible, and Mr. Cannon's duty to see that as little democratic capital as possible is made. No man in public life for the next six months will have greater need of his eyes and ears and thinking cap than the Speaker of the House, not alone for his own sake, but for the party and the country's as well.

But, fortunately for himself, his party and the country, Mr. Cannon, to employ Mr. Hanna's laconic eulogy of the republican party, knows his business. He has served for thirty years as a national legislator, from the first almost in committee places of importance, and next to Mr. Allison of Iowa, is his party's highest authority on the country's needs and in the preparation of the bills for supplying the money for the government's expenses. Home is where the heart is, and Mr. Cannon's heart is in the House. He loves to be there and to work there, and as a rule, what he does there counts.

It is idle and absurd therefore to try to detract from the standing of such a man in the contest for presidential delegates. It may even be dangerous, for to underestimate your opponent is bad generalship.

## The Financial Situation.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan's visit to Washington may be interpreted variously, according as the observer is optimistic or otherwise concerning the present financial situation. But if Mr. Morgan's words are accepted at their face value the skies are brightening and the pinch in the money market is easing. The extraordinary measures adopted by the government to cause an increased flow of currency appear to have been well received in the main by the larger interests and the outcome is believed to be certainly helpful to the commercial centers. The immediate effect will be to enable the banks securing the new securities to increase their circulation of notes and at the same time the action of the government in permitting the funds received from the sale of these securities to remain on deposit with the purchasing banks will not withdraw existing currency from circulation. Thus to an extent of practically the full amount of the issue the volume of currency will be swelled. Thus far not the slightest note of disbelie in the ability of the government to finance has been expressed. The Treasury is perfectly sound and the whole country knows the fact. Fortunately whatever loss of confidence has occurred has not touched the belief of the people in the permanent stability of the public strong box.

It is a matter of indifference whether the stock market responds bullishly to these measures of relief. The thing to be done is to safeguard the banks from the heavy demands for currency. Once the banks are guaranteed against failure the industries of the country will be assured of a reliable basis for their transactions. This in turn will re-establish confidence on the part of investors. The stock market itself, no better in such a situation than an index of conditions and not an object of solicitude, will eventually reflect the betterment of conditions.

It will be impossible for Baltimore or San Francisco to regard Cincinnati's \$90,000 fire with any great interest.

Not a bad idea, perhaps, to turn the town over to the Y. M. C. A. for a season prior to the assembly of Congress.

## Russia.

With all the advantage to the autocratic elements of the Russian government secured by the manipulation of the election processes in the formation of the third duma, signs are at hand to indicate that the duma is not certain to stand against the continuation of reforms. It was hoped by the grand ducal party that the Octobrists would form a center party of conservatism, possibly affiliated with the out-and-out reactionists, and thus preventing the formation of effective reform parties of respectable size and composition. But late dispatches suggest that the Octobrists are in danger of breaking up, the reform element demanding the expulsion from the party organization of certain members who are suspected of cherishing reactionary or non-constitutional doctrines.

The inevitable conflict in Russia bears upon the question of constitutionalism. The reactionary forces will never be content until they have destroyed the present slender basis of representative government. On the other hand, the constitutionalists will never cease their agitations until reaction is definitely relegated to the past and Russia stands pledged not merely to a policy of popular representation, but to specific measures and methods. The present vagueness cannot indefinitely endure. The reactionary forces may succeed for a time in check-

ing the program of reforms and preventing the effective organization of progressive parties. They may prevail for a few years in scattering the forces of the opposition, but a crystallization must inevitably set in with the result of concentrating the various elements that stand for advance toward the goal of popular participation in the government, for a free electorate, for unrestricted suffrage and for a partially elected body immune from the influence of the court and capable of enacting laws that must be enforced.

The present hope of the true friends of Russia is that this result will be accomplished by peaceful means, but the "how" weakens at times, when signs of foolish reactions appear, when the court party intrigues to cause the break-up of reform parties, when terrorist measures are adopted by the crown and all the fundamental laws of justice are swept away in the government's punitive enterprises. Good sense dictates that nothing be done by the crown to breed suspicion in the minds of the people or to encourage the maintenance of secret organizations. Yet little else has been done in Russia for some time. So-called trials of persons suspected of complicity in assassination plots and in mutinies have been marked by the same sad lack of true justice that formerly stamped all the judicial measures in Russia. The court party continues to blunder through the bureaucratic processes of reprisal and repression. No progress is made in the establishment of schools and the spread of enlightenment. The influence of the late procurator general of the church remains a potent force to check liberalization, to forbid thought, to hold Russia down in the mire of besotted ignorance and superstition.

The signs of faction in the duma may be interpreted hopefully or despairingly, according as the observer has expected deliberate or speedy progress. Swifter advance would be scored by agreement on the part of all the forces of reform upon a single consistent, changeless program. But, on the other hand, the division into groups may lead to the political education of the people, causing eventually, perhaps soon, their union upon a focal point of attack. Until the Russian people thus unite and trust to a few faithful leaders they must continue to flounder and suffer. But they are as certain to win their goal ultimately as the sun is certain to rise tomorrow.

## The Tunnel Wreck Inquiry.

It is gratifying to be assured that the statutes give the District Commissioners ample authority to investigate the circumstances attending the tunnel wreck of a few days ago in order to ascertain its cause and to take steps to prevent repetitions. If there were any serious doubt of the matter there should be an immediate enactment by Congress giving to the local government full power to move in the premises. The right to hold an inquest is conferred only when death occurs. That, too, is a function of the courts, and the Congress cannot do it. It is not parties to the proceeding. Always to be preferred is action in cases where no lives are lost, so that remedies may be applied without costing heavily. The public will feel easier with regard to the security of passengers with this supervisory and corrective authority fully established. It is, of course, to be expected that the railroad corporations will do everything in their power to minimize the danger to those they transport. But after the point of view of the corporation is not quite as clear as that of the public official, who is not embarrassed by considerations of cost and who may disregard influences that sometimes serve to lessen the corrective and preventive zeal of those directly connected with the management. As far as known, the circumstances attending the tunnel smash point to negligence somewhere, either on the part of those responsible for the switches or those in charge of the operation of the trains. If the switch was left unlocked, even in so remote a position as within the tunnel, blame is to be attached to that person who is supposed to safeguard these points from interference. If the switch was defective, its failure at an important juncture may be attributable to the lack of proper care before its replacement. These matters may be cleared up by the District Commissioners in the course of their investigation, and the public will feel greatly relieved when all the facts are known and the proper steps are taken to prevent further mishaps.

## Taggart.

Mr. Taggart, we are told from French Lick Springs, does not care for another term as chairman of the democratic national committee, but only for an endorsement of his own record. He was elected in 1904. That is reasonable, and should be accorded. As success was impossible, all that Mr. Taggart could do he did better than anybody else could have done. He dispersed the gloom at headquarters frequently with good stories and handshakes, and made everybody there feel almost alive. He put his whole talent at his party's service. An angel could have done no more. Next year, however, something more than good humor and a sense of humor will be expected in the chief of staff, and this will call for a new man. Mr. Bryan will pick him in good time. All this conurbation on the subject by the committee is of no real consequence.

After all, Mr. Bryan may get more enjoyment out of Washington by eating an occasional dinner here than he would by settling down to the grinding responsibilities of the White House.

Possibly the members of the Young Men's Christian Association will be especially welcomed by the President as men whose intentions are in no wise political.

Howard Gould doubtless wishes now and then that Boni Castellani would get a wife of Katherine Clemmons' aggressive determination.

Mr. Taft, should he become President, would probably insist that his official associates must be good sailors as well as horseback riders.

Whenever the unwritten law is mentioned society may as well prepare to be shocked.

The early Christmas shopper saves both time and temper.

## The Sea and the Ship.

Not even a "queen of the seas" can beat the elements when they are in a rage. The handiwork of man may break records when the waters are calm and the airs are clear, but when the fogs descend upon the sea and the waves mount high and the wind gains the gait of a gale the most powerful ships slacken speed and their officers are glad to make port in any circumstances. The Mauretania, of which much was expected on her maiden voyage, slid yesterday after an impetuous voyage, scoring the trip in 5 days, 5 hours and 10 minutes. She had broken one record—that for the greatest day's run, having reeled off 624 knots on the fifth day of the trip. Then it was that she rammed her nose into a fierce burst of bad weather and had to slow down.

But even though it prevents record-breaking, a storm like that through which the Mauretania traveled serves to test the seaworthiness of a ship. It is an achievement to make port at all when the seas run high and the wind rages. The percentage of safety on the ocean is materially increased by the development of the modern steamship. The immense proportions of the vessels render them comparatively immune from pitching, and there is in these modern built ships but little rolling. The sea must rise to its greatest heights actually to menace the vessel with destruction, and there have of late years been no instances of well-constructed steel ships collapsing from the mere force of the sea. Such ships have sunk after collisions and have run aground and been lost, but they have breasted the seas in midocean without serious danger.

It would be a great convenience to ice and coal men in arranging their schedules of prices if Weather Prophet Devoe could arrange to have his predictions come true to the minute. They would probably grant him a larger subsidy than the government could afford.

Since John L. Sullivan is in the mood for discussing public affairs, it might be worth while to get his opinion on this much-discussed question of whether there is any such thing as a real whisky.

It must have been a relief to certain capitalists to find the banks instead of the railways for a time under popular suspicion.

These political banquets will, of course, strengthen Hettie Green in her belief that the politicians are eating up the country.

Ohio is at present supplied with several favorite possibilities from which to make a choice.

Now that the panic is over, any number of remedies will be suggested.

## SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

## Fellow Sufferers.

"Think," said the man whose wife likes the theater, "of having to sit for hours listening to a problem play!"

"That's nothing," answered the weary-looking citizen. "Think of being detained for days as a juror in one of these cases where they appeal to the unwritten law."

## The Hand of Iron.

"I suppose you feel that you can depend on that man. He seems to have a great liking for you."

"My boy," answered Senator Sorghum, "in politics your really valuable friends are not the people who like you personally so much as those who fear you professionally."

## A Slight Danger.

The Christmas tree is on the way. Once more 'twill gladden every heart—Unless, perchance, some expert say "That it antagonizes art."

## Encouragement.

"Did your husband get any encouragement at the races?"

"Yes," answered young Mrs. Tokins. "One of the bookmakers called him 'old sport' and told him he was a good loser."

## Easier.

"Why," inquired the promoter, "do you pay rent instead of owning your home?"

"Because," answered the conscienceless person, "I have found that it is easier to stand off a landlord than the holder of a mortgage note."

## A Pervading Influence.

Joe Jimson was a fellow that was allus causin' strife; He couldn't settle down in quietude to save his life. The neighbors said he did no work, except a bossin' theirs. He even gave advice about their family affairs.

'Twas "everybody clear the road," when he would drive a dray. He was so 'traid a horse would balk, he made him run away. An' yet, he had his usefulness, because, beyond a doubt, Without him there would never be so much to talk about.

But folks got tired of livin' in a tumult all the time. They threatened an' persuaded Joe to seek a foreign clime.

He started in a raisin' Cain, 'fer like he did with us. An' we honestly felt lonesome, missin' all his noise an' fuss.

An' the greatest relaxation that we got from day to day Was talkin' 'bout the tidings from Joe Jimson, far away.

An' finally Sim Perkins says (a-fetchin' out a sigh):

"I wish that Joe'd come back!" An' we all answered, "So do I!"

## Hide and Seek.

From the New York World.

Justice Brewer cannot understand why his "hide and seek" speech in New York should have created such a stir. To prove that there was no occasion for excitement over his remarks the justice amplifies in an interview what he said to the Civic Forum:

"I said the President was playing hide and seek with the nomination, and I mean it. He has declared that he is not a candidate for re-election, and I take him at his word, because I believe him to be an honest man; but I do believe he would like to control the convention. His every action points that way, and I am only one of many persons who have called attention to the fact. It certainly looks as if he desires to name his successor."

Justice Brewer is right enough when he insists that other people have said all this before; but nobody of his prominence and commanding position happens to have said it as simply, plainly and intelligently as he. After he had said it everybody else understood exactly what the President was doing—playing hide and seek with the nomination.

## The Present Danger.

From the Baltimore News.

Mr. Roosevelt has done many things that were better he had not done, and has said many things that he did better he had not said; but the danger just at this moment is not that the country will go too far in the way of reformatory activity, but quite the opposite. It is that, taking advantage of the financial troubles of the moment, the reactionaries will be able to submerge the whole program of improvement and that the country may in the not distant future enter once again upon a vicious cycle of prosperity saturated with rottenness.

## What John D. Owns.

From the Newark Star.

John D. denies that he owns any United States government bonds. He only owns a mortgage on the United States.

## Just the Same.

From the Richmond Times Dispatch.

Meantime, Santa Claus is trying to intimidate that he will be glad to handle all gold coins, with or without the motto.

## Tide Will Turn.

From the Cleveland Leader.

The panic will presently be turned into a bargain counter rush.

## The Great Advisers.

From the Houston Post.

The Washington correspondents are determined that Congress shall not lack advice as to how to perfect the currency system.

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